

### REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. In the OA, the Examiner indicated that claim 4 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the  
5 limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has herewith amended all independent claims in the application, claim 1 and claim 14, to include the limitation of claim 4 and has cancelled claim  
4.


Applicant believes that this places all claims in the application in allowable  
10 form and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections from the present application.

### CONCLUSION

Inasmuch as each of the objections have been overcome by the amendments presented above, and all of the Examiner's suggestions and  
15 requirements have been satisfied, it is respectfully requested that the present application be reconsidered, the rejections be withdrawn and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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